

State of California
Business, Transportation and Housing Agency Redesignation
Department of Transportation

HIGHWAY ROUTE MATTERS

Redesignation Resolution HRR 02-01
2-SHA-273/299 PM 24.09/24.15
2-SHA-44 PM L0.00/L1.81

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REDESIGNATION OF LOCATION FOR STATE HIGHWAY

Recommendation

Submitted for transmittal to the California Transportation Commission (Commission) are Highway Route Redesignation Resolution HRR 02-01 and the redesignation map for the State Highway Route 299 and Route 44. The Department of Transportation recommends that the Commission approve the resolution and the route redesignation location map in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Engineer. This resolution redesignates a 0.6 mile segment of State Route 273 to Route 273/299. It also redesignates a 1.81 mile segment of State Route 299 to Route 44 in the City of Redding, County of Shasta.

A Project Report was approved December 31, 2001. The project has been determined to be Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Categorically Excluded from the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA).

Recommended by: BRENT FELKER
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Background

The project limits include 4 different highways: I-5 is a multi-lane freeway of divided alignment; State Routes 44, 273, and 299 are multi-lane highways of divided alignment. I-5 and State Route 44 have controlled access. Portions of SR 273 and SR 299 pass through central Redding and are used as the primary local streets through the business district, with many intersections and signals present. State Route 44 and Route 299 were adopted in 1957 and 1965, respectively and are included in the State Freeway and Expressway System.

Currently Route 299 traffic is routed through downtown Redding, via a system of one-way couplets to a freeway section that connects with Interstate 5. At this point Route 44 begins continuing east while Route 299 is routed north on Interstate 5. Route 299 then picks up again approximately 1.9 miles north, where it then turns. This interchange is also the interchange to Lake Boulevard, which connects to Route 273 (Market Street) approximately 0.3 miles to the west.

Proposal

The project proposes to alleviate confusion associated with signage to travelers heading north and south along the Interstate 5 and east and west along State Route 44 and Route 299. To remedy these problems, SB 1637 (1998) and AB 1650 (1999) re-defined the limits of State Route 299 and Route 44.

A Project Study Report (PSR) was approved by Caltrans on August 22, 2000. The Project Report and Categorical Exemption/Categorical Exception were approved on December 31, 2001.

The redesignation of Route 273 to Route 273/299 will begin at Route 299 / Market Street to Route 273 / Lake Boulevard. Additionally the redesignation of Route 299 to Route 44 will begin at Route 299 / Market Street to Interstate 5. To provide continuity for State Route 299 a portion of Lake Boulevard will be adopted from Market Street to Interstate 5 under HRA 02-03.

The project proposes to replace, modify and construct new signage at 71 locations to the extent necessary to implement the legislated adoption and redesignations and to comply with signing policy. Minor safety improvements will be made along Lake Boulevard to include the addition of metal beam guard railing and curb and gutter. The current cost estimate for the project is \$1.75 million and will be funded from the 2002 State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP). This project is scheduled for construction in the 2002/2003 fiscal year.

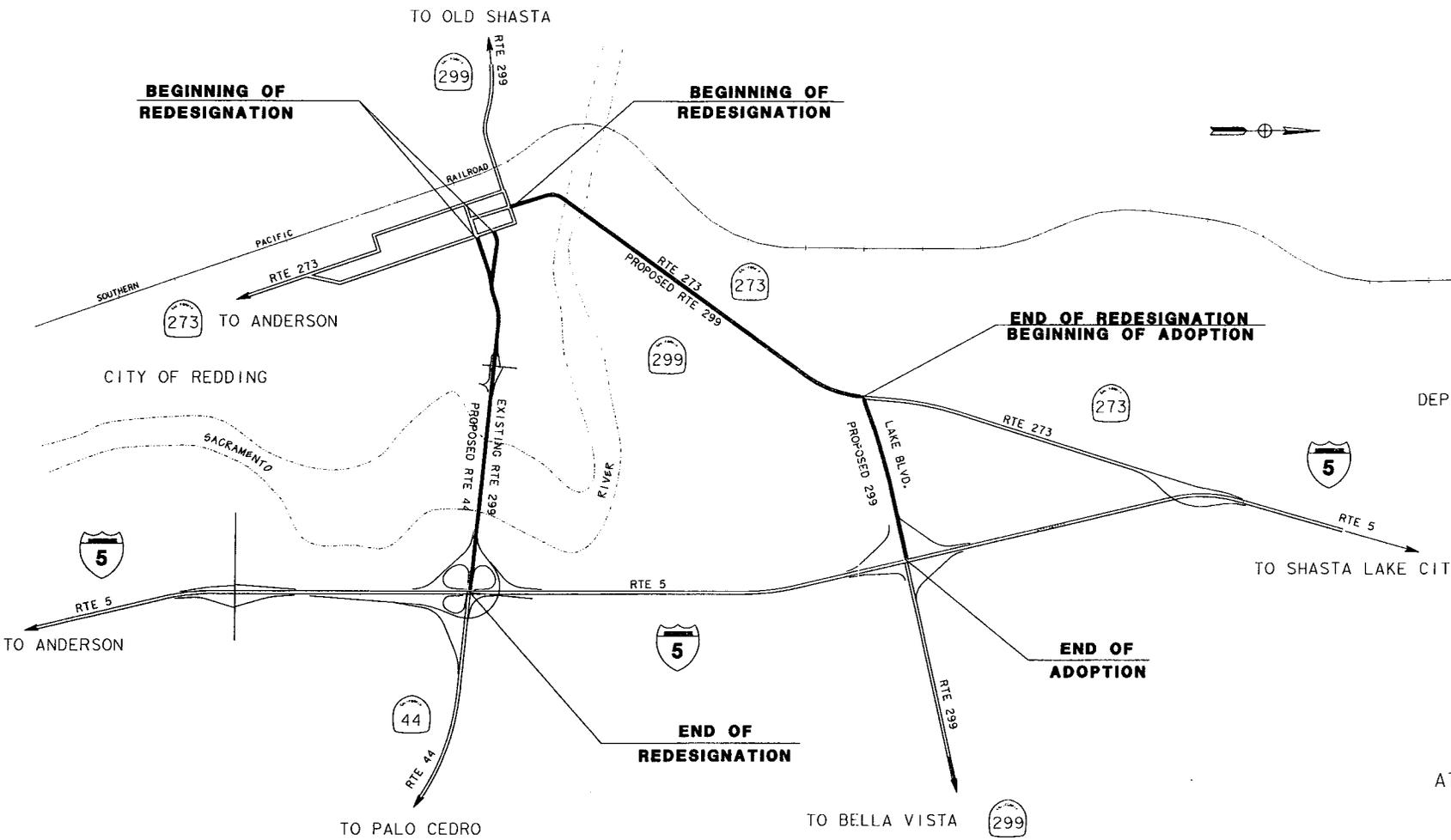
Coordination

Fact sheets for an exception to mandatory and advisory design standards have been approved.

The project has been determined to be Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Categorically Excluded from the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA).

Conclusion

The proposed redesignations of a segment of Route 273 to Route 273/299 and a segment of Route 299 to Route 44, are considered to be in the best public interest.



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
 MAP SHOWING

**REDESIGNATION
 AND
 ADOPTION**

IN SHASTA COUNTY
 02-SHA-299
 AND
 02-SHA-44
 AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Resolution Redesignating a Portion of State Highway Route 273
As State Highway Route 273/299
2-SHA-273/299 KP 38.77/38.87 (PM 24.09/24.15)
And a Portion of State Highway Route 299
As State Highway Route 44
2-SHA-44 KP L0.00/L2.91 (PM L0.00/L1.81)

Resolution HRR 02-01

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation, by passage of SB 1637 (1998) and AB 1650 (1999) which re-defined the limits of State Route 299 and Route 44, has completed studies and approved of the public hearing process relative to the redesignation of State Highway Route 273 to Route 273/299 from Route 299 at Market St. to Route 273 at Lake Boulevard and the redesignation of State Route 299 to Route 44 from Route 299 at Market Street to Interstate 5; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has completed a Categorical Exemption/Categorical Exclusion; and,

WHEREAS, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to provide continuity for the State Highway Route 299 and State Highway Route 44, as described in the Streets and Highways Code, California Freeway and Expressway System Section 253.8 and Section 253.1, respectively; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the California Transportation Commission that pursuant to the authority vested in it by law, this Commission does hereby designate as a portion the location of that segment of State Highway Route 273/299 in the County of Shasta, the existing location of State Route 273, Kilometer Post 38.77 (Post mile 24.09) to Kilometer Post 38.87(Post mile 24.15), and officially designated as 02-Shasta-273/299, and the Commission also does hereby designate as a portion the location of that segment of State Highway Route 44 in the County of Shasta, the existing location of State Route 299, Kilometer Post L0.00 (Post mile L0.00) to Kilometer Post L2.91(Post mile L1.81), and officially designated as 02-Shasta-44, as said location is shown on the map submitted on June 1, 2002 by Karla Sutliff, Chief, Division of Design; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by this Commission that the effective date of redesignation shall be the date the Commission approves this resolution.